Cattle prices up

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

Feeder cattle prices are up over last year. At the yearling sale held September 9, steers averaged $65.29 per hundred weight. This is the highest average so far. Heifers averaged $56.18 which is the second highest average.

There are concerns - - we are now into the fourth week of sales and fed cattle prices are falling. Fed cattle prices usually affect feeder prices. Fed cattle prices last week dropped to the lowest point since January, 1982.

The increased marketing of yield grade 4 cattle indicates feeders are holding for better prices, but they are putting additional finish on these cattle. As late as September 17 carlot meat quotation priced choice 3,600 - 900# carcasses at $96.00 to $97.00 and choice 4 at $83.00. This is the largest discount that we have observed in some time.

Feeder prices dropped the second week of sales reflecting a weak fed cattle market. We are hoping that this is only a market adjustment and fed cattle prices rebound in time for the first feeder calf sale in Lynchburg today (Thursday).

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This dry weather has hurt late soybeans and certainly hasn't been helpful to those who top-dressed fescue pastures or seeded pastures and alfalfa.

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There's some good news for lovers for asparagus. Rutgers University is in the process of releasing some varieties that are much higher yielding than the old Washington strains in production and disease resistance.

Old lime varieties produce 700-800. pounds per acre of marketable 7 inch spears, but the newer varieties will produce 2200 to 2300 pounds per acre.

Increasing yields is important when you consider that the cost of establishing an acre of asparagus is about $1600.

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Dipel does a reasonably good job controlling loopers on fall cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower.

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Here's an interesting observation. George Hawkins, Extension Agronomist, tells me that a hairy vetch winter cover crop can be established for less dollars than rye winter cover.

If the vetch can be allowed to grow until it is about knee high, it will provide 100 lbs. of fertilizer nitrogen. This is equivalent to the amount required for a corn crop grown following the vetch by either conventional or no-till methods. The vetch should be knee high about the first or second week in May.

When you consider that the corn planting date giving the maximum yields in a 4-year date-of-planting study conducted at Orange was May 15 - - the whole thing becomes significant.

This could cut fertilizer costs substantially, but once vetch is introduced, it's a good bet that it will always be around. This can be a problem in wheat harvested as grain.

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

The price support and production adjustment program for tobacco will now be operated at no net cost to taxpayers. The recovery of costs, other than the cost of administering the program, will be achieved through the No Net Cost Tobacco Program Act of 1982 which was recently signed into law.

The Act brings more changes to the tobacco program than any other law, since the program began in 1938.

As a condition for price support eligibility, the new program requires farmers to contribute to a no-net-cost-fund or account. The funds will pay for the program and insure against losses to USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation. Also, beginning with the 1983 crop, farm owners who lease and transfer flue-cured tobacco allotments from the farm will be required to contribute to the fund at the same rate as the tobacco growers who rent from them.

Starting with the 1983 crop, marketing of any kind of quota tobacco that is not eligible for price support because a producer has failed to contribute to the fund will be subject to penalty.

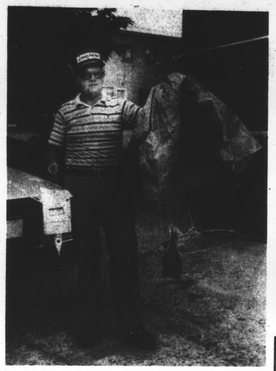
Corporations, utilities, schools, churches and other entities (except individuals), not significantly involved in agriculture that own flue-cured or burley allotments must sell them to an active tobacco producer in the same county by December 1, 1983.

The law authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to reduce the support level below the established rate if he finds a surplus of any grade and any kind of tobacco. The Secretary can limit any annual increase in the support rate of 65% of that normally computed with the support price formula.

One of the major changes for flue-cured, the chief cigarette tobacco, eliminates fall leasing of allotments or quotas except when the producing county and the producing farm have suffered a lost of 10% or more in the expected yield from the acreage of tobacco planted for harvest due to a natural disaster. In this event, fall leases may be made to owners or operators of farms in the same county or in an adjoining county in the same State. Other changes for flue-cured limit the farm acreage allotment to 50% of the tillable cropland on the farm, requiring the owner to sell or forfeit the allotment in excess of one-half the tillable cropland; and authorize allotments and quotas to be sold but only to persons within the same county who are active tobacco producers, or who certify their intent to become active producers.

For burley, the Act increased from 15,000 to 30,000 the number of pounds that may be leased and transferred.

The new law is expected to substantially reduce the cost of the tobacco program to taxpayers.



APPOMATTOX MAIL CARRIER Billy Conner is shown with a "Radiosonde" which he found in a tree in a field off Rt. 654 about two miles from Vera last Wednesday. The device, which descended on a parachute from a balloon in the upper atmosphere, was launched in Greensboro, N.C. the same day Conner found it. The radiosonde is a radio transmitter tracked to an altitude of more than 17 miles which measures temperature, pressure, humidity and winds at various altitudes above the ground. As per instructions, Conner mailed the device to a government office in Kansas City, Missouri. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Elder is assigned

Airman John A. Elder, son of William A. and Nancy H. Elder of Rt. 1, Appomattox, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the medical services field.

Elder is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

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Farm Bureau meets on Oct. 2

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau members will have their annual fall meeting, and catered dinner Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School.

Sons and daughters of Farm Bureau producer - members, families between the ages of 16-18 may enter the "Farm Youth Leadership Contest." Each contestant must give a 3-5 minute speech on "My Future in Agriculture." There will be prizes. There will be an essay contest for ages 11-16 on "What I Like About Farm Life," not less than 400 words.

Do you like to bake? There will be an apple and pumpkin pie contest.

There will also be a centerpiece contest using farm products. The centerpiece should carry the theme "Country Charm from the Farm". There are specific regulations.

If you have craft work, please bring it along the night of the dinner for display.

For further information call the Farm Bureau Office, 352-7851, or Margaret Glover, 248-6425.

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Happiness is 4-H

By Frank Sweet

The week of October 4-10 is designated as National 4-H Week across the United States. 4-H members use this opportunity to reflect on their successes during the past year and make plans for the coming year.

National 4-H Week also provides an ideal chance to inform the public about 4-H programs and activities. In Appomattox County, nearly 800 young people are members of some 31 4-H clubs. 4-H volunteer leaders assist with many club programs, activities and county-wide 4-H events.

Membership in 4-H is open to all young people between the ages of 9 and 19 regarless of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, handicap or political affiliation. Information about how to join 4-H may be directed to the Appomattox County Extension Office (352-8244).

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A reminder that 4-H projects from last year are due in the Extension Office not later than October 15. 4-H projects will be judged, ribbons awarded to each completed project and returned to the 4-H member during the November and Decemb er 4-H meetings.

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Seventeen persons successfully completed the Hunter Safety Course offered last week. Especially important were the six adults who participated in the Hunter Safety Program along with their sons. Adults taking the course or sitting in with their sons were: Mrs. Faye Franklin, Mrs. Dorothy Phelps, Mr. Bill Whitmer, Mr. Ralph Carter, Sr., Mr. Charles Cruen and Mr. Dow Mongold.

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The Teen Leader 4-H Club will be selling quarter pound hamburgers and soft drinks during the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival. The 4-Leaf Clover 4-H groups will be raising funds to conduct their various program activities during the year.

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The Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Board of Directors has recently voted to give away a 1982 Chevrolet Chevette in a special drawing to be held on December 21, 1982. Tickets for the drawing will be sold by 4-H families in a 19-county area beginning the first week in October. The purpose of the fund raising will be to pay off the debt for the new swimming pool. Details will be available early next week.

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Thompsons celebrate

The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson of Pamplin was celebrated on September 19 at their home when they repeated their vows on the lawn of their home at a ceremony performed by the Reverend Wyatt T. Venable of Pamplin.

The bride, escorted by her son-in-law, David Dudley of Philadelphia, Pa., wore a white dress with a yellow shoulder corsage. The groom wore a blue suit.

Following the ceremony, dinner, with a wedding cake, decorated in blue and white was served by the children of the couple, Mrs. Rachel Opher, Mr. and Mrs. David Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, all of Philadelphia. One daughter, Mrs. Frances Robinson, was absent due to illness.

Gifts and cards were presented to the honored couple.

Other than the officiating minister, ministers present for the occasion included the Reverend William Venable, the Reverend Curtis Elliott, and the Reverend E. R. Berryman.

Ballet performance set

In its only appearance outside its home city this holiday season, The Richmond ballet will present **Tschaikowsky's The Nutcracker** to Lynchburg area audiences for the second consecutive year.

The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center Dance Division and M. Van Lewis & Company will sponsor jointly two performances, Saturday, December 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m. Principal dancers from the Elliot Feld Ballet of New York will perform the leading roles. Traci Owens is cast as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Jamie Cohen will appear as the Cavalier.

The ballet, with approximately 100 dancers, is a delightful fantasy with wide appeal. This year's production will feature a new "Mother Ginger" design by Charles Caldwell, resident scenic designer for the Virginia Museum Theater, and new costumes by Bronwyn Caldwell, the Museum Theater's costume designer.

The Richmond Ballet, now entering its 26th year, is one of the most successful regional companies in the southeast. Under the leadership of Stoner Winslett, director, and ballet mistress Leslie Peck, the company has attracted many talented dancers to Richmond.

Lisa Bailey wins

Lisa Bailey, an officer and a member of Appomattox County High School, won Best in Show at the Five County Fair in Farmville. She exhibited Bagels and received the Grand Champion Ribbon, for the best entries of all classes and groups, also ten dollars as a prize.

She is a senior at Appomattox County High School and has been a Hero member for two years. Lisa is presently enrolled in Occupational Foods II and Home Econ. Specialized classes.

Correction

In last week's edition of the Times-Virginian, the meeting place of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was incorrectly identified as Maude's Restaurant.

The UDC actually met at the Country Fare Restaurant.

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Diet club to meet

The Slim and Trim Diet club will be holding their weekly meeting, this Thursday, September 30, at the Concord Ruritan Club building in Concord, Virginia. The 7:00 p.m. lecture deals with the role of desire to be smaller as a motivating factor for losing weight.

This will be the last meeting in Concord. The meetings will be held in Appomattox beginning October 5, 1982. For more information, call 352-8611.

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Times-Virginian Social News

Mrs. Nannie W. Moore [photo by Calvin Mason]

Nannie Moore honored

Mrs. Nannie W. Moore was honored with a surprise party on Sunday, September 19, celebrating her 80th birthday.

The party was held at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Gaulden, in Concord.

A color scheme of pink and white was carried out in decorations, with a corsage of pink and white for the honoree.

Approximately 80 friends and relatives attended the event.

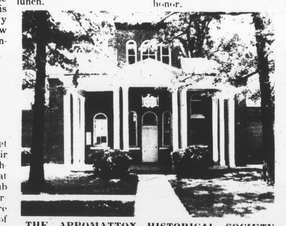
A beautiful 3-tier birthday cake, punch and assorted hors d'oeuvres were served.

Numerous gifts were received by the guest of honor.

Colemans, Harveys to reunite

The annual Coleman-Harvey reunion will be held on Sunday, October 3 at the old Harvey home place.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch.



THE APPOMATTOX HISTORICAL SOCIETY museum, located in the courthouse complex, will be open this year during the Railroad Festival.

Visitors noted

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harden, Mary Catherine Harden and Mrs. Lewis Martin visited Tommy Hardin at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center on Sunday.

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Museum to open

The Appomattox Historical Society Museum will be open during this year's Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 1 until 5 p.m. and again on Sunday, Oct. 10 from 2 until 5 p.m.

Among the many interesting displays in the museum will be a turn-of-the-century doctor's office, one-room school, jail cell and post office.

In addition, on the Court House Square, visitors will have the opportunity to watch various craftsmen at their trade.

The Historical Society will be holding a White Elephant Sale in the Railroad Station during the two-day festival.

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Local woman is wed

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Miechurski were joined in marriage in the Chapel, Elizabeth, North Carolina, on September 1 at 4:30 p.m.

The bride is the former Ann Tolley Dillon of Pamplin, Virginia. Mrs. Miechurski is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Tolley and the late Willie J. Tolley of Pamplin.

Mr. Miechurski is the son of Mrs. Florence Burdick of Arizona and the late Stanley Miechurski of Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Miechurski is employed by the city of Nags Head. The couple are presently living on Collington Island, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Miechurski

Wedding planned

Miss Denise McCormick [photo by Allen Austin]

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin T. McCormick of Appomattox, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Renee, to Mr. Ralph Christian Totty, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Totty, Sr., also of Appomattox.

Miss McCormick is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed by J. E. Sears and Company, Incorporated.

Mr. Totty is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed by AMG Plastics and Machining, Incorporated in Lynchburg. Mr. Totty is also an apprentice of AMG and is attending Central Virginia Community College as part of his program.

The wedding will take place May 21, 1983 at Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church. Although no invitations will be sent all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Tailoring workshop set

By Orie M. Mack
Extension Agent

Plans have been made to conduct a contemporary tailoring workshop for advanced home sewers on the following dates:

Thursday, October 7, 1982 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Extension Office Conference Room. Preliminary meeting to discuss preparations to be made prior to the workshop.

October 18 - 22, 1982 - Workshop with Hands On experience in contemporary tailoring. Time and place will be given at preliminary meeting.

In contemporary tailoring, one would be expected to learn quick methods of tailoring by constructing a fine quality basic lined jacket, utilizing new developments in products and techniques. For more detailed information and to pre-register for this session, call the Appomattox Extension Office at 352-8211.

Birthday celebrated

On Saturday, September 25, Patty Loukides was honored when John, Cory, Brett and Todd entertained in celebration of her 30th birthday at the Loukides home in Walton Place.

Sharing in the celebration were Lloyd and Beck Hudson; John, Jannette and Laura Spahr; Larry, Sandra, Jennifer and Matt White; Tom, Carol and Chris Maxwell; Gary, Sarahr and Ann Cuccio; Curt, Laura, Laurel and Chet Knaup; Mary Ellen Watson; Bill and Robin Britton; Robert Payne; Timmy Martin; Ann, Brian and Matt Cunningham; and Mrs. S. C. Payne.

Club to meet Oct. 5

The Meadowlark Homemakers Club will meet Tues., Oct. 5, at the home of Janet Noble, Program Chairman.

The program will be a workshop for the Christmas Open House.

Anyone wishing to attend is cordially invited.

Meadowlark is part of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Program whose program and employment is available to all people regardless of race, national origin, handicap or political affiliation.

Invitation extended

The Stonewall Extension Homemakers Club extends an open invitation to all persons, regarless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or political affiliation, who wish to attend any club meeting and participate in the civic activities sponsored by the organization.

Please call 993-2935 or 993-2306 if you are interested in attending a meeting.

O'Brien reunion set

The decendants of Francis Kirkpatrick O'Brien will hold their second family reunion on Sunday, October 3, at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

Registration and visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a picnic lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by a business meeting and program at 1:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

Garden clubs to meet

The Fall meeting of the South Central District Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs will be held on Tues., Oct. 5, 1982 at 10 a.m. in the River Ridge Mall Community Room.

The program "Creative Designs" will be presented by Mrs. Ellis L. Kern, a Master Judge from Richmond, who has lectured throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

Diet class slated

The Slim and Trim Diet Club will be opening a class in Appomattox beginning Tuesday, October 5, 1982. The class will be meeting at the Central Fidelity Bank at 7:00 p.m.

The Slim and Trim diet features a nutritionally, well balanced 1000 calorie diet plan to follow. Ahering to this plan will result in a weight loss of two or more pounds each week.

The Slim and Trim Diet Club stresses that each participant begin the program with a good health check-up.

The Slim and Trim Diet club encourages regular attendance at the weekly educational lectures. The club uses the latest behavior modification techniques in trying to help the participant successfully lose weight and keep it off forever.

The Slim and Trim Diet Club lecturer is Mrs. Julie Coffman. For additional information about the class, contact her at 352-8611.

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